

AGENDA

Joint Hearing

Senate Committee on Criminal Justice and Senate Committee on Education

Tuesday, October 30, 2012

Capitol Extension, E1.036 -- 9:30 a.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Committee Business

III. Opening Remarks

IV. Interim Charge #7: Conduct a comprehensive review of school discipline practices. Specifically, review and make recommendations on:

- *The effectiveness of Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs (DAEP) and Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs (JJAEP) in reducing student involvement in further disciplinary infractions and in promoting positive educational achievement;*
- *Disproportionate school discipline referrals, including suspension, expulsion, and Class C misdemeanor citations;*
- *The issue of "Zero Tolerance" in secondary education school discipline, the use of alternative education campuses, and the barriers to graduation. Also include the role that specialized school police departments play in these systems. Consider the impact on the juvenile justice system and the adult prison system;*
- *The number of students in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) referred to juvenile or municipal courts, suspended, expelled, and placed in Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs (DAEP). Examine data-sharing practices between DFPS, TEA, and local education agencies, and make recommendations to increase communication between schools and DFPS to increase educational outcomes for children in foster care;*
- *Evidence based models used for addressing juvenile delinquency prevention that is targeted to non-adjudicated, but at-risk youth, in the school disciplinary system. (Joint Charge with Senate Committee on Criminal Justice)*

Invited Testimony:

- Dr. Tony Fabelo, Director, Research Division, Council of State Governments, Justice Center
- Deborah Fowler, Deputy Director, Texas Appleseed
- Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson, The Supreme Court of Texas
- David Anderson, General Counsel, Texas Education Agency
- Michael Griffiths, Executive Director, Texas Juvenile Justice Department
- Lon Craft, Director of Legislative Affairs, Texas Municipal Police Association
- Lonnie Hollingsworth Jr., Director of Legal Services and Governmental Relations, Texas Classroom Teachers Association
- Joy Baskin, Director of Legal Services, Texas Association of School Boards
- Jeanette Moll, Juvenile Justice Policy Analyst, Texas Public Policy Foundation

V. Public Testimony

VI. Recess